



Locals graduate  
from HCC

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Community College is proud to recognize the students listed below who have completed their graduation requirements for the 2019-2020 academic year.

HCC celebrated the Class of 2020 during a virtual ceremony on Aug. 20 and will do so again, more formally and in person, at its 75th anniversary Commencement on June 5, 2021, at the MassMutual Center in Springfield.

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Back-to-school  
forms now  
available

HOLYOKE – The back to school forms are available online this year. If you have children who are currently enrolled in Holyoke Public Schools, visit [www.enrollholyoke.com](http://www.enrollholyoke.com), create a parent/guardian account (if you haven't already), and fill out a Back to School Packet for each of your children. Please make sure you are selecting the Back to School Packet option as you do not need to enroll your children again. Each child's Back to School packet should take about 10 minutes to complete, but you can save your work and come back later if you can't complete that packet after you begin. All packets are due by Sept. 18.

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Additional  
testing site  
offered in the city

HOLYOKE – Beginning this week, Holyoke will be adding a second "Stop the Spread" free COVID testing site. The site will be located in the city parking lot across from the War Memorial Building and next to the McDonalds at 285 Maple Street. This testing site will be open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and is for walk-up testing only. Both the walk-thru and

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Neal takes down  
Morse, wins another  
term in U.S. House

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REGION – In what was one of the more hotly-contested races in a primary for a seat in the House of Representatives, U.S. Rep. Richard Neal is a presumptive winner and will head back to the House to resume his work as, among his many assignments, Chair of the Ways and Means Committee.

On Tuesday, Neal, representative of the First Congressional District in Massachusetts, defeated Holyoke Mayor Alex Morse in the Democratic Primary Election.

While the full numbers were not available as of press time, Neal was declared the winner two hours after polls closed by the Associated Press, and was a clear winner with nearly 90 percent of precincts reporting.

The First Congressional District in Massachusetts is the largest district geographically, including numerous small towns throughout Western Massachusetts, including the Berkshires and Franklin County.

As of press time, Neal had more than 73,000 votes to Morse's nearly 51,000 votes. Neal was said to have about 59 percent of the vote to Morse's 41 percent.

The race between Morse and Neal was a reason many



Richard Neal



Alex Morse

more Democratic ballots were cast with few Republican primary races in Massachusetts.

Morse, mayor of Holyoke for nine years and elected at just 22 years old, believed Neal needed to be removed from office to allow for change. He alleged Neal was in the pocket of large corporations that gave him record funding, and said Neal opposes many bills he stands by, including the Green New Deal, an aggressive environmental bill.

The race between Neal and Morse was marred for much of August by a letter released by the College Democrats of Massachusetts. The letter alleged Morse made some members of group uncomfortable after he used a dating app to initiate relationships with students at the University of Massachusetts, where Morse also worked as a part-time lecturer. Morse would apologize, but also believed the letter and the timing was an attack on his campaign and an effort to help Neal win the election.

When speaking publicly during his defeat, Morse said he believed the attack by the students was "coordinated" and it clearly played a role in his losing the primary election.

Despite the attack on his campaign, Morse had a huge

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Poll worker Ashanti shows how to enter a ballot on Primary day.  
Photos by Shelby Macri

Mail voting increased  
turnout in primary

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HOLYOKE – The voting for the Massachusetts congressional races proceeded on Tuesday September 1, where the U.S. Senate and U.S. House candidates were voted on. City Clerk Brenda McGee visited all poll stations around the city on Tuesday to gather information and provide assistance where necessary.

McGee explained she expected a large turnout for mail-in votes as they sent out 5,100 ballots for this election. She received 4,000 mail-in ballots back, and the mail-

in votes were 13 percent of the turnout as past primaries have had a 13 percent turnout. There was early voting held from Saturday, Aug. 22 to Friday, Aug. 28; within that week only 250 people showed up to vote. McGee had suspected that the low turnout for early voting would be the same for voting on Tuesday.

"There are more people voting in person today than those who participated in mail-in voting so far," McGee said. "We didn't think that that would be the case."

Citywide there were more

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Duffy wins primary, presumed next state representative

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HOLYOKE – The aide to outgoing State Rep. Aaron Vega, D-Holyoke, is now his likely successor.

On Tuesday night, Holyoke voters chose Patricia Duffy to be the presumed next state representative for Holyoke, also known as the Fifth Hampden District.

Duffy has been a legislative aide for the five-term representative since 2014.

She captured 40 percent of the vote, ahead of Holyoke City Councilor David Bartley



Patricia Duffy



David Bartley



Patrick Beaudry

and Patrick Beaudry.

Duffy garnered 3,196 votes. Bartley had 2,500 and Beaudry garnered 2,212. All three are Democrats and were running in the primary election

on Tuesday.

There are no Republicans registered to run for the seat, so Duffy will run unopposed in the general election on Nov. 3. She will become the next

state representative barring any type of write-in campaign from one of the losing candidates or someone who has not thrown their name in the hat.

Duffy made a statement after the results of the election were announced, expressing gratitude for the voters of Holyoke for choosing her to succeed Vega.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to talk and listen with Holyokers in order to bring the best interests of all our citizens to Beacon Hill," she said.

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# Free internet available for remote learning

HOLYOKE – We are excited to partner with Comcast Internet Essentials to sponsor free internet access for the school year for all families who do not currently have internet access.

HPS families who are interested should call our hotline at 413-561-0862 (English) or 413-314-3560 (Spanish) to get a promotional code on Monday - Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on or before Oct. 1. A district representative will provide a code; if you need to leave a message, we will call you back with a code. Once you have the code, you can apply at [www.InternetEssentials.com](http://www.InternetEssentials.com) (instructions

here) or call 855-846-8376 to set up an account directly with Comcast.

Please note that families are not eligible to participate in the program if they already have internet access through Comcast. Families who signed up for this program in the spring will have their service continued.

Families can take advantage of the following through the Internet Essentials sponsorship program:

- Free internet to the family (HPS and City is sponsoring for the whole school year)
- Affordable internet service after the

sponsorship has expired

- Includes In-Home Wifi and access to 40 1-hour sessions of Xfinity Wifi hotspots outside the home every 30 days
- It is important to note that families must cancel the service after 6/30/2021 if they do not want to be billed. The cancellation is not automatic.
- Low-Cost Computer. Customers can purchase a low-cost computer for \$149.99+ tax
- Internet-ready laptop or desktop with 90-day warranty and equipped with Windows 10, Microsoft Office, and Norton Security Suite. (Your school will be in con-

tact with you by August 31st on when and where each student can borrow a Holyoke Public Schools device for SY20-21. )

- Digital Literacy Training. Families have access to free internet training available online, in-person, and in-print to better understand the internet and the many ways it can benefit you

If you have any questions about this service, please call the hotline at 413-561-0862 (English) or 413-314-3560 (Spanish), visit our website to send an email by clicking on the following link: <https://www.hps.holyoke.ma.us/about-us/contact/>.

## ‘Stop the Spread’ COVID-19 testing site opening at HCC

HOLYOKE — To assist the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the City of Holyoke in reducing the spread of COVID-19, Holyoke Community College will serve as a “Stop the Spread” drive-through testing site offering free tests to the public.

Tests will be conducted outside HCC’s Bartley Center for Athletics and Recreation and administered by Fallon Ambulance in partnership with the Holyoke Board of Health and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Testing will be available Wednesday, August 26, through September 12, 2020, during the following hours:

- Monday 7-11 a.m.
- Tuesday 2-7 p.m.
- Wednesday. 7-11 a.m.

Thursday 2-7 p.m.  
Friday 7-11 a.m.  
Saturday 7-11 a.m.

Testing will be conducted on a first-come, first-serve basis. There are no appointments. There is no cost for the tests and no referral is required.

Signs and HCC and Holyoke city Police officers will direct drivers from Homestead Ave down to M Lot (adjacent the Bartley Center), where in-car tests will be administered. Cars will leave M Lot, pass through N Lot, and exit onto the campus road and out onto Homestead Avenue.

Turnaround time for test results is typically four days or fewer.

For more information, please go to: [www.mass.gov/info-details/stop-the-spread](http://www.mass.gov/info-details/stop-the-spread).

## Library celebrates women voting

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke library has installed a poster exhibit called “Votes for Women: A Portrait of Persistence” which is available for all to see on the front windows of the library facing Chestnut St.

This exhibit outlines the more than 80-year struggle for women to obtain the right to vote as part of the larger struggle for equality that continued through the 1965 Civil Rights Act and arguably lingers today.

The presentation is divided chronologically and thematically to address

- “Radical Women: 1832–1869,”
- “Women Activists: 1870–1892,”
- “The New Woman: 1893–1912,”
- “Compelling Tactics: 1913–1916,”
- “Militancy in the American Suffragist Movement: 1917–1919” and
- “The Nineteenth Amendment and Its Legacy.”

Each poster includes a chronological narrative of visual biographies of some of the movement’s most influential leaders.

The exhibition was generously given to the library by the Smithsonian Institute.

To see the exhibit online go to: <https://npg.si.edu/exhibition/votes-for-women>

or

Smithsonian slideshow <https://artsandculture.google.com/exhibit/2AKyZX3r7pZoJA>

For more information about :

Women’s history <https://womenshistory.si.edu/>

As we look back at the long struggle for Women’s voting rights, let’s all do our part to participate and take advantage of our rights in the coming elections both locally and nationally.

See these links for info on voting in Holyoke.

REGISTER TO VOTE Online: [https://www.sec.state.ma.us/Info for Holyoke Voters](https://www.sec.state.ma.us/Info%20for%20Holyoke%20Voters)

<https://www.holyoke.org/voters-how-to-register/>

## Mall reduces hours due to feedback from tenants, guests

HOLYOKE – Effective Tuesday, August 25, 2020, Holyoke Mall will operate under new hours of operation based on valued feedback and input received from both tenants and guests:

- Monday – Saturday: 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday: 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Guests are reminded that restaurant venues and department stores may continue to offer extended shopping hours and are encouraged to call ahead to confirm a specific venue’s hours of operation or visit Holyoke Mall’s online

directory here.

Select stores will also offer extended hours of operation during the Sales Tax Holiday weekend, August 29th & 30th. A listing of these stores can be found at <https://www.holyokemall.com/tax-free-holiday-weekend-at-holyoke-mall/>.

Holyoke Mall continues to enforce sanitizing policies and procedures. All visitors to Holyoke Mall are reminded to follow our new Healthy Shopper Guidelines with Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations everyone must follow prior to entering the property.

## Remaining dates for COVID Testing

AGAWAM - Tapestry will be providing additional COVID-19 testing in Agawam to support Governor Baker’s Stop the Spread testing initiative. “This is a critical time to ramp up testing in order to contain the virus and hopefully avoid the secondary surges that have happened in other states,” said Cheryl Zoll, Tapestry CEO.

Testing will be drive-through, free, and available for both symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals. Testing will be done via a self-administered nasal swab and results will be avail-

able within 48 hours. Appointments and pre-registration are encouraged, but walk-ins will not be turned away if there is capacity. Please call (413)364-2149 for scheduling. More information available at [tapestryhealth.org](http://tapestryhealth.org) or [mass.gov/info-details/stop-the-spread](http://mass.gov/info-details/stop-the-spread)

Where: Agawam Junior High School, 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01001

When: Testing will be offered from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on dates listed below

- Tuesday, Sept. 8
- Thursday, Sept. 10

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## Free ValleyBike annual membership for people who qualify

REGION – ValleyBike Share is the electric assist Bike Share program of the Pioneer Valley that includes the cities and towns of Amherst, Easthampton, Holyoke, Northampton, South Hadley, Springfield and the UMass Amherst Campus.

Recognizing the need for Equity in Bike Share for marginalized individuals, coupled with systemic racism which has dramatically limited and in the vast majority of cases prevented wealth accumulation by Black people and other people of color, the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) and the participating cities and towns secured funding from the

Community Foundation of Western Mass to underwrite the cost of annual memberships for people who qualify for government assistance.

Bewegen, the ValleyBike Share vendor, has created an Access Pass pro-

gram whose mission is to assure that ValleyBike is equitable, affordable and available to all residents regardless of their financial situation. ValleyBike access passes usually cost \$10 for unlimited one-hour rides for a full calendar year during the ValleyBike season April 1 to Nov. 30 (compared to standard cost of \$80 for unlimited 45-minute rides) but are available at no cost this year due to the pandemic and the late open of ValleyBike.

All people from the six participating cities and towns who are eligible for WIC, SNAP, MassHealth Standard or Section Eight Housing are encouraged to please go to the [www.ValleyBike.org](http://www.ValleyBike.org) website to sign up for the no cost access pass now.

In addition to the ability to sign up on the website, several local agencies plan to partner with ValleyBike to help people sign up.

Access Pass Membership is free this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but people still need to enter a credit card or other form of identification to register.

People who are unbanked (do not have a bank account or a credit card) can still sign up by downloading the application and mailing it to BWG Field Ops P.O. Box 6102 Holyoke 01041. Details are on the ValleyBike website.

PVPC, the participating cities and towns and Bewegen are working to grow the access pass program to include community “ambassadors” – paid community residents who want to promote the availability of access passes to their family, friends and neighbors. Access pass users are encouraged to apply to be community ambassadors, and organizations and individuals interested in helping build the ambassador program are encouraged to get in touch.



# HCC announces ‘Flexible Fall’ start dates

HOLYOKE — Given the uncertainty of the times heading into a new school year, Holyoke Community College is offering two “Flexible Fall” start dates in addition to its traditional, fall semester start next week following Labor Day.

For most students, the fall semester at HCC will begin Tuesday, Sept. 8. For those looking for more flexible academic options, however, HCC is also running two sessions of accelerated, full-credit classes that will begin on Monday, Sept. 28, and Wednesday, Oct. 28.

Sept. 28 start classes will run for 12 weeks. Oct. 28 start classes will run for seven.

All fall courses will conclude by Dec. 16, 2020.

“We know how unsettled everyone’s lives are due to the pandemic, especially the lives of families juggling jobs and childcare and parents who may not yet know where they will be working or where their children will be for school,” said Rachel Rubinstein, HCC vice president of Academic and Student Affairs. “We hope that by offering more flexible fall options that students will be able to find a schedule that works best for them, and that students who need to delay decisions about college can do so without fear that they will miss out on an entire

semester.”

The late-start, “Flexible Fall” courses are being offered in accounting, anthropology, biology, business administration, career readiness, communication, education, economics, English, health, math, psychology, sociology, and sustainability.

No matter the start date, all HCC classes this fall are being offered in one of three formats: online, blended remote, and blended face-to-face.

Online courses follow a traditional, asynchronous online model with course-work deadlines established by instructors.

Blended remote courses have both asynchronous online components com-

bined with scheduled class meetings via videoconference platforms such as Zoom.

Blended face-to-face combines blended remote with some in-person instruction on campus. This format is limited to culinary arts and health science programs that require clinical assessments: nursing, radiologic technology, veterinary technician, and medical assistant.

Registrations are still being accepted for all three fall start dates.

For more information or to apply, please visit: [hcc.edu/fall](http://hcc.edu/fall), call 413-552-2321 or send an email to [admissions@hcc.edu](mailto:admissions@hcc.edu).

## Resources offered for remote learning

HOLYOKE – With COVID-19, public libraries are stepping up and provide parents, children and teachers valuable resources as they navigate remote learning. More than ever, this pandemic is showing how important libraries are to make sure everyone has equitable access to online resources.

With school starting soon with most classes being online, the Holyoke Public Library has added three new online resources to assist in the learning and teaching.

Erasing the line between homework support and fun exploration, The World Almanac for Kids includes exclusive online-only material as well as content from award-winning The World Almanac®, Chelsea House, and Facts On File sets and series. Each topic area provides resources for homework, reports, and projects, and kids—including homeschoolers—can explore age-appropriate subjects while developing online research skills with a trusted content source.

The Mailbox® School & District is packed with 52,000+ fun and engaging ideas, activities, and worksheets that help inspire imaginations. All of the activities and ideas in The

Mailbox® School & District are educationally sound, practical, easy to use, error-free, and child-centered and teach essential skills.

The Just for Kids Streaming Collection for public libraries gives children—and their parents—a thoroughly kid-safe, advertisement-free media platform they can freely explore and enjoy. Just for Kids has the educational videos children want to watch—Sesame Street, The Electric Company, The Wubbulous World of Dr. Seuss, The Berenstain Bears, Franklin, and thousands more—plus songs, games, and other interactives that are sure to entertain, educate, and inspire young patrons. Plus, the collection is ideal for librarians hosting a video storytelling hour, homework help for students, or resources for remote learning that they can access anywhere, anytime.

We are putting library books and audio-visuals into your hands through curbside service. Check our website for details.

For more information email to [library@holyoke.org](mailto:library@holyoke.org), or call 413-313-5050 Monday-Friday, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

## Prepare girls for kindergarten

HOLYOKE—Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts and Girl Scouts of the USA are launching a free “Make New Friends” virtual event series to ensure that all girls are prepared to start kindergarten with confidence.

The COVID-19 pandemic and transition to virtual learning and activities has disrupted important educational milestones, particularly for children entering kindergarten this year. Social and emotional learning is important for success in kindergarten, and as the experts on girls’ leadership and development, Girl Scouts is uniquely poised to lead fun and impactful events that help girls make new friends while boosting their social skills, self-confidence and experience in a classroom or virtual setting.

One of the largest girl-serving organizations offering social and emotional kindergarten readiness programming, Girl Scouts has designed a specialized, engaging four-part virtual event series that is free and open to all girls who are entering kindergarten. Girls will:

- Practice interacting with other girls, exploring new ideas and gaining the courage to ask questions about what they see;
- Explore emotions and learn how being persistent can help them achieve their dreams;
- Use their senses to process the

world around them while practicing reasoning and problem-solving skills; and

- Learn how to listen to a story, identify key characters, follow a plotline and then share what they learned.

The dates are as follows:

Tuesdays, Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29; from 6 to 6:30 p.m.

Thursdays, Sept. 10, 17, 24, and Oct. 1; from 6 to 6:30 p.m.

Mondays, Sept. 14, 21, 28 and Oct. 5; from 6 to 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 16, 23, 30, and Oct. 7; from 6 to 6:30 p.m.

Many in-person kindergarten readiness and pre-K programs have been cancelled or modified due to the COVID-19 pandemic, including opportunities to meet teachers and classmates and to try out a classroom activity. Knowing that social and emotional learning and development are some of the strongest predictors of academic success and healthy relationships, Girl Scouts has designed fun activities for girls to meet these critical milestones. Events will include activities for girls to explore the solar system, create an inspiring drawing to represent their dreams and remind them to be persistent, and much more.

Enter your zip code to sign up for GSCWM’S Make New Friends event series at [www.girlscouts.org/ready](http://www.girlscouts.org/ready).

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Although online is our preferred option, paper packets will also be available at schools by Tuesday, Sept. 8. You can call your school to pick up a packet outside of the school after that time.

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Bartley, the Ward 3 councilor, will continue on that capacity with one more year on his term. He won Ward 3, where he represents, but Duffy was a winner in five of the seven wards to carry the majority of the city.

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Please be advised that student's Special Education (Chapter 766) records, dated prior to and including 2013/14 will be destroyed on October 2, 2020. If you wish to obtain a copy of your records, please contact the:

Holyoke Public Schools, Special Education Department  
57 Suffolk Street, Holyoke, MA 01040  
Tel: 413-534-2000 Ext. 1209

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This notice does not pertain to student's transcripts Which are dealt under 603 CMR 23.06

## EMT training classes at HCC begin Sept. 15

HOLYOKE – Registration is now open for Emergency Medical Technician training for fall 2020 at Holyoke Community College.

HCC’s EMT Basic Course (EMT-B) begins Sept. 15 and runs through Dec. 17. The program consists of 170 hours of in-person and remote training for the state certification exam. Approved by the Massachusetts Office of Emergency Medical Services, the course covers all aspects of emergency care including patient handling, extrication, communication, working with law enforcement, legal issues, ethics

in emergency medicine, use of medical equipment, safe and sane transportation and much more.

Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-10 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. About 40 hours of in-person sessions will be held at HCC’s Center for Health Education & Simulation, 404 Jarvis Ave., Holyoke, and make extensive use of the facility’s medical simulation labs.

For more information or to register, contact Valentyna Semyrog at (413) 552-2123 / [vsemyrog@hcc.edu](mailto:vsemyrog@hcc.edu) or go online at [www.hcc.edu/become-an-emt](http://www.hcc.edu/become-an-emt).

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Guest Column

Tomato preservation at its finest

I have been harvesting tomatoes as needed for the last three or four weeks. I'll run out to the garden when I want to make an omelet or add some to my dinnertime salad. Typically, I'll do a big harvest just once a week and go crazy preserving them in whatever way I feel inclined to. This past week I realized that once a week was not enough to keep up. This is a good problem to have, right? Here are some of my favorite methods of preserving an abundance of tomatoes.

For many years I froze tomatoes whole and it worked out great. If you've never tried it, simply hull the fruits, put them on a cookie sheet until they have frozen, then place them in freezer bags. During the offseason you can take out as many as you need for use in juice, stews or even salsas and sauces. Once the tomatoes thaw, the skin slips off fairly easily. It is easy to do this, for sure, but if your freezer space is premium, you may want to split the harvest by trying your hand at canning.

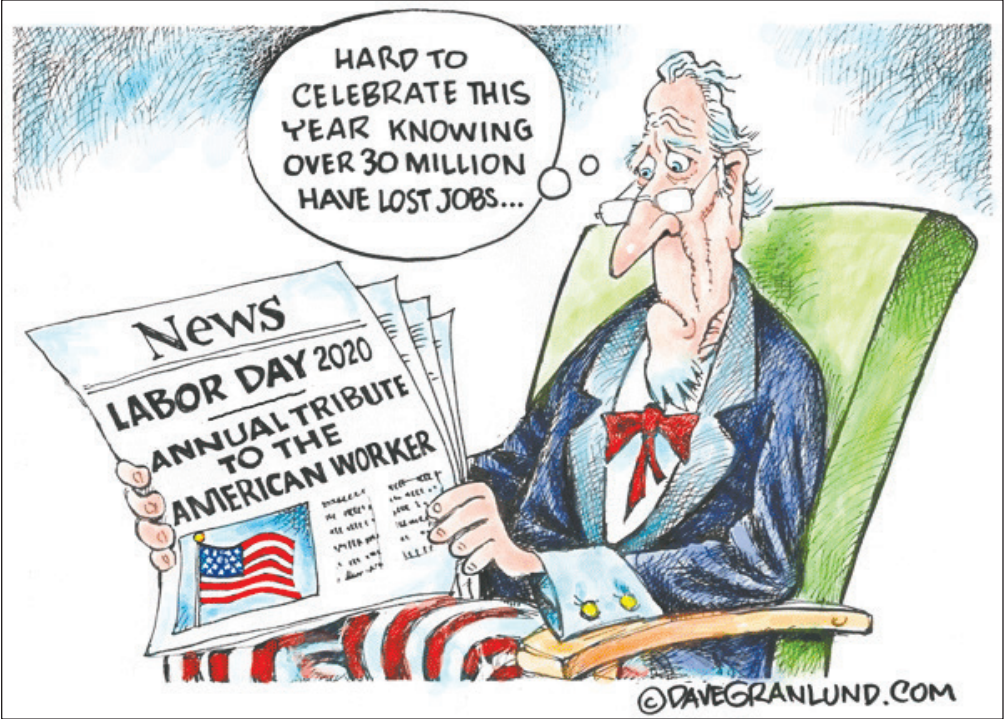
First, can the juice. Simply hull the fruit first, then whip it up in a high powered blender to liquefy it. Pour it into clean quart-sized jars, fitted with a new lid and a band. Place the jars into a pre-warmed water bath canner and process for 45 minutes of boiling time. Make sure that the water covers the jars by an inch or two. This winter you can either drink the juice or boil it down further for use in sauce.

We also can cut tomatoes. First, scald the tomatoes in boiling water until the skins crack a bit. Remove them from the water and allow to cool. Once they do, the skin slip off rather easily. Cut them to fill the canning jar, and then press down on the fruit in the jar with a wooden spoon to remove any air. Wipe the rim clean and then outfit the jar with a lid and band and set in the water bath for the same 45 minutes of boiling time. Once removed from the water the jars will cool and you will hear the pop of the seals; a symphony when you are doing many jars at a time.

Tomatoes can also be roasted. Place quartered tomatoes along with onions, peppers and garlic in the oven in a shallow roasting pan at 400 degrees, stirring every half hour, allowing the flavors to meld together. Once cooking is complete and most of moisture has evaporated, place the tasty mixture in plastic bags laid flat in the freezer. They can be easily stacked and stored, then used as a topping for pasta or pizza crust. Yum!

Many years ago I sun-dried tomatoes in the hot greenhouse at Old Sturbridge Village. I had plastic racks left from a dehydrator that never worked quite right. On these racks I

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Poetry Corner

Outdoor "Drive In" Theatre

by Thomas J. Kennedy

*The climbing dinosaur that etches the sky across the silver blue highways of life.  
Haunted images of the riveting past hasten the heathenistic tones and tunneled lights of that American Amazon of prurient postulence.  
Where simple time did exist fabulous fifties and setting sixties, where life was love and love was life; selfishly unknown passive test of romance and robust gentleness... all on the big screen, as gentle calming time went by.  
Happy days were there, as kind perfume rained down on our smiling soft faces. Now the climbing dinosaur has died in a selfish set in the nuclear night where romance is coiled and raspy; and is more self centered than our passive time.  
Is the dinosaur really dead or is it etched into the mind and sky, a gentle calming time, a time of simple harmony.*

Guest Column

In My Backyard

By Ellenor Downer

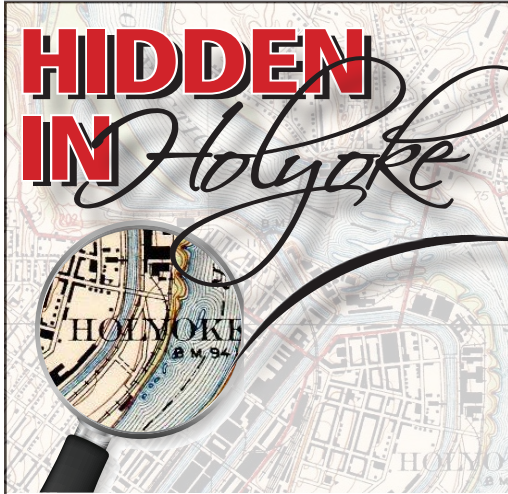
Last week, I had to stop on two different occasions to let wild turkey hens and their polts cross the road. Both times the turkeys included several hens with their broods.  
There was a time when wild turkeys no longer existed in the state. A reintroduction of these native birds proved successful. Now, people see wild turkeys on a regular basis.  
The wild turkey is easily identified by its turkey shape and large size, 36 to 49 inches. Its body is brown and iridescent. The head is naked. The male or Tom is larger and more iridescent than the female. The male also has a beard, a tuft of hair like feathers on its breast. The female usually lacks the beard, but there are some bearded hens.  
Wild turkeys inhabit open forest, forest edges and wooded swamps. They feed on

the ground eating nuts, acorns and seeds. They also eat grains, vegetation, insects, frogs and lizards.  
The hen turkey lays six to 20 eggs with buff marks placed in a nest placed in a natural or scraped depression on the ground. The hen lines the nest with leaves and grasses. The females raise the young.  
Wild turkeys make gobbling, yelping and clucking noises. In courtship, the male struts and gobbles with its tail feathers fanned. The female responds with a yelping call. Males may mate with many females during the breeding season.

Bear with two cubs

Last week, about two hours before I saw a flock of hens and their polts, I saw a black bear female with two cubs cross in about the same area of the road. I was glad to be in

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Last week's "Hidden in Holyoke" was a wedding ceremony area at The Log Cabin.



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# Can I hide my Social Security in a tax-advantaged account?

By Russell Gloor

Dear Rusty: I will be 62 years of age at the end of this year. Can I start drawing my Social Security at age 62 and have it directly deposited into my IRA (arm’s length), not spend it and continue to work without affecting my tax position? I will defer actually using it until a later date Signed: Curious Investor

Dear Curious Investor: Regardless of where you have your Social Security benefits deposited, if you continue to work after claiming early benefits, you’ll be subject to Social Security’s earnings test. The earnings test applies to anyone who collects benefits before they reach their full retirement age, which for you is 66 years and 8 months.

It doesn’t matter if you spend your benefits, save them, or invest them; you’ll still be subject to Social Security’s earnings limit. And, since IRS rules say that only earned income (which excludes

Social Security benefits) can be deposited into an individual retirement account, it is not possible for you to direct-deposit your Social Security benefits into an IRA. In any case, even if you otherwise save your benefits for later use; you will still be subject to Social Security’s earnings limit. For 2020 the annual earnings limit is \$18,240 (the limit changes annually) and if that is exceeded, Social Security will take back benefits equal to \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit. The earnings limit goes up by about 2.5 times in the year you reach your full retirement age (FRA) and goes away once your FRA is attained.

Social Security gets your earnings information from the IRS when you file your income taxes, and you cannot avoid the earnings test by having the money deposited for later use. The earnings test will still apply, and they will take back some of your benefits if you exceed the limit. For information, by “take back” benefits, I mean they will notify you

that they have overpaid you (due to your earnings from working) and will give you the option of either paying them back in full with a lump sum payment, or they will withhold your future benefits until they recover what you owe because you exceeded the earnings limit.

As for your “tax position” on your benefits, that will depend upon your combined income from all other sources (investments, interest, pensions, earnings, etc.), plus 50% of the benefits you received during the tax year, plus any non-taxable interest you may have (combined this is known as your Modified Adjusted Gross Income, or “MAGI”). If you file your income taxes as a single and your MAGI is more than \$25,000 (or if you file “married-jointly and your MAGI is more than \$32,000) then 50% of your benefits will become part of your taxable income. And filing single with a MAGI of more than \$34,000 (or \$44,000 if married-filing jointly), up to 85% of your Social Security benefits

will become part of your taxable income (by the IRS). Once again, it doesn’t matter how you dispose of your benefit payments; they will still be taxable if you exceed the clip levels mentioned above, and you will still be subject to Social Security’s earnings test until you reach your full retirement age.

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Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.

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placed cut up cherry tomatoes and let them “bake” on the shelves for two or three days in the heat. I stored these little bursts of flavor in a bag in the freezer so they wouldn’t mold, simply taking out what I needed for pizza toppings etc.

Maybe this column will be the inspiration to help you tackle your own tomato harvest.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position

of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to [ekennedy@turley.com](mailto:ekennedy@turley.com) with “Gardening Question” in the subject line.



## BACKYARD, from page 4

my car and not walking along the road. There were two cars behind me. One car pulled off the road on the side the trio entered a wooded area. The driver most likely hoped to see them again as they walked in the woods.

### Cardinal in the sun

Last week, a male cardinal landed on a fallen hemlock in my backyard. He perched on a branch in full sunlight. His red feathers and black marks on the face stood out in the sunlight.

### Hummingbirds

The ruby-throated hummingbirds are still here. They visit my nectar feeders frequently. I continue to clean and fill the two feeders every other day. I recently purchased a top filling nectar feeder. It is so much easier to clean than the other feeder that I have.

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**CLUES ACROSS**  
1. Chop with an ax  
4. Where a bachelor lives  
7. Indicates near  
10. Doctors’ group  
11. It’s just a number  
12. Type of bread  
13. Lively ballroom dance  
15. Charles S. Dutton TV series  
16. A way to use up  
19. Singular event  
21. Home of Disney World  
23. Minerals  
24. Most insightful  
25. Consult  
26. In addition  
27. Agents of downfall  
30. Organizations  
34. Supervises flying  
35. Bar bill  
36. Alfalfa

41. Dish soap  
45. Witnesses  
46. Ancient Greek City  
47. Newspaper bigwigs  
50. Discuss again  
54. Small group with shared interests  
55. Support  
56. Popular sportcoat fabric  
57. Take hold of  
59. Pre-Mayan civilization  
60. Woman (French)  
61. Wheeled vehicle  
62. Georgia rockers  
63. Cold War player (abbr.)  
64. Pitching stat  
65. Attempt

**CLUES DOWN**  
1. Czech monetary unit  
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4. Muscular weaknesses  
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6. Figures out  
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9. Silly  
13. Political organization  
14. Used of a number or amount not specified  
17. Divisions of the psyche  
18. Denial  
20. Ancient Iranian person  
22. Count on  
27. Popular sports league  
28. Water (French)  
29. Partner to cheese

31. When you hope to get there  
32. Angry  
33. One point east of due south  
37. Respects  
38. Organize anew  
39. French wine grape  
40. Intrinsic nature of something  
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42. Brews  
43. Where ships take on cargo  
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in person voting at the nine poll stations than the early voting or mail-in voting. For the Nov. 3 election there will be an option for mail-in voting and early voting as well. Those who already signed up for the mail-in voting for November will receive a ballot by mail when the city receives the ballots, they city is sending out 6,000 ballots for those who have already signed up for mail in voting for Nov. 3. McGee said she's hoping to receive the ballots by the end of this month, additionally those who haven't signed up for mail-in voting will receive another card to do so. There will be early voting from Saturday, Oct. 17 to Friday, Oct. 30; giving voters two weeks for early voting.

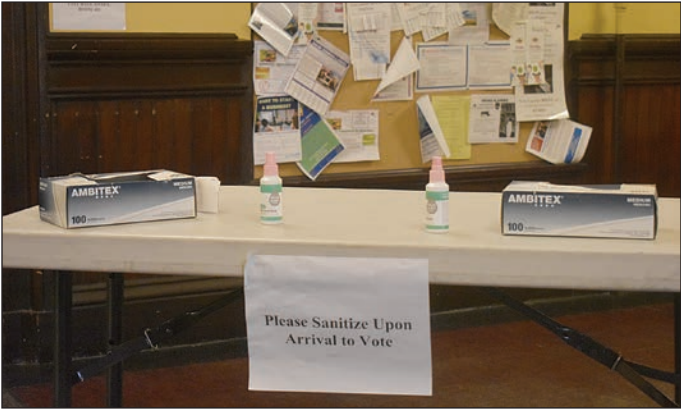
All the polling stations will be the same as this past Tuesday, and people should check their precincts and polling locations. McGee explained that during the last presidential election the city had a 61 percent turnout, and expects the same turn out or larger. "I think this year we'll have around the same turn out, or bigger with all the different options of voting," McGee said. "I think we may have a 70 percent turnout, as I think there will be a large turnout of in person voting like there was today." The presidential primary will be on Tuesday, Nov. 3 and voters can find more information on the city website.



There were four polling stations set up on the bottom floor of the City Hall for voters



Sergeant John Hart mans the first check-in table to the polls at City Hall.  
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Poll stations were set up at City Hall, one of nine polling stations in the city.

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## Fall sports set to begin on Sept. 18

*Some schools still need to decide whether to participate*

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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REGION – Fall sports are set to begin and soccer will be a part of the fall lineup as a modified season will be the first up with a number of modifications.

What schools will participate in the fall season is still up in the air following an announcement by the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association last week stating schools could begin practicing on Sept. 18.

The COVID-19 Task Force made several recommendations that were adopted by the MIAA Board of Directors.

As of now, the fall season will run from Sept. 18 through Nov. 20. Soccer, gymnastics, cross country, field hockey, girls volleyball, and golf will all be able to practice and play games.

During the fall season, football and cheerleading can practice, but they cannot play or participate in contests.

As of the current vote, the winter season is scheduled to take place from Nov. 30 to Feb. 21. The winter season is currently scheduled to have basketball, even though it is a high-risk sport.

The floating season, also being labeled as “Fall Sports II” will take place from Feb. 22 to April 25. Unified basketball, football, and cheerleading will be played. Schools that were not able to participate in

certain fall sports during the first fall season will also be able to play during that time.

The schools that could potentially participate in sports like soccer and field hockey during the floating season depend on which schools vote to keep students off the field during the first fall season.

Schools that are doing full remote learning and hybrid model learning where students are going to school only part of the time will have to vote on whether students can play. It is not clear yet which schools are or not participate in Western Mass. sports this fall, and schedules for games have yet to be established.

A 22-0 vote of the MIAA Board of Directors approved the current version of the sports calendar.

The Board of Directors also unanimously voted to attempt to create fall schedules that are league specific and keep travel to a minimum by scheduled games within close geographic regions. In Western Massachusetts, the Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Conference, the group that governs the leagues in the region, will be challenged with coming up with that schedule.

One major fallback of the fall season is the elimination of the tournament.

With the elimination of the tournament, there will unlikely be a final-sponsored MIAA Western Massachusetts soccer tournament, a big tradition in the region.

The PVIAC is working on hosting its own tournament for

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## PREPARING FOR A NEW FALL



Several teams got a taste of what the fall will look like as they participated in summer program held at South Hadley High School for seven weeks. Teams from several area communities, including South Hadley, Agawam, Holyoke, and Belchertown, participated in scrimmages that included 7-on-7 play, a rule that will be part of the fall season due to the pandemic and the need to limit contact. Teams also played without penalty corners and other modifications.

Photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

## Overtime rules for field hockey top changes for sports

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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REGION – With the return of fall sports, the MIAA Board of Directors have chosen to adopt changes to sports recommended by its COVID-19 Task Force committee and the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA).

Field hockey will see a number of big changes with the game somewhat resembling playoff overtimes and the elimination of a number of regular parts of the game.

Field hockey will have no penalty corners and players are expected to observe the field yard full on any and all

free hits. It's already a rule, but will likely be more strictly enforced.

But the biggest change is that all regular play will be 7-on-7. Those rules usually apply to overtime, and overtime in field hockey is only played during the playoffs. All other games end in ties.

Other modifications to limit contact are the elimination of stick inspections during the pre-game as coaches will be responsible for making sure that all sticks are legal for use in games. Officials would normally do a stick inspection prior to all games.

Soccer is the other sport that will see some significant

changes due to the amount of contact that can take place between players.

To begin, the games will be separated into four separate 20-minute quarters. There will be two minutes in between quarters with the exception of halftime, which will be a 10-minute rest period like normal. But timeouts will be eliminated.

Coaches will be limited to just three per bench.

Players will not be allowed to head the ball, and the use of “walls” on a restart in play will not be allowed due to attempts to socially distance.

Throw-ins will also be eliminated and a kick-in will

be utilized instead. Opposing players must be at least 10 yards away from the ball.

Goal kicks and punts or throws back into play from goalkeepers will also be modified. The ball is not allowed to travel past midfield or the other team receives an indirect kick.

Another major modification is made to penalty kicks. During regulation, if a team receives a kick, the ball is dead if it goes off the goalkeeper. No rebound shots will be allowed. A goalie who saves or deflects the ball will receive a goal kick.

Slide tackles and other major contact are also prohibited and could result in direct kicks or yellow cards.

In volleyball, teams will have to eliminate a lot of the contact they are used to. Teams typically huddle quickly before and after plays, and shake hands or high-five before and after the match. All of those traditions will be eliminated for the season.

There will also be a regular cycling of balls to keep balls clean.

Cross country will see waves of runners rather all of the runners lined up to start the game.

All sports will have to observe a lot of social distancing rules, non-shared equipment, and making sure all types of contact are limited.





Justin Bonsignore gets the victory this past week in the modified race.



Jaret Curtis took the win in the street stock race.

Submitted photos

# Bonsignore wins modified race at Monadnock

WINCHESTER, N.H. — Justin Bonsignore has Monadnock Speedway pretty well figured out. Sunday, the Empire State star won the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour Wade Cole Memorial 200 at the storied high-banked quarter-mile.

It was Bonsignore's third Whelen Tour victory at Monadnock, duplicated big scores here in 2013 and 2014, the latter the famed all-green 200-lapper. When Bonsignore won that one, in fact, Sunday's main event namesake, Wade Cole, was in the field, as was open-wheel legend Ted Christopher.

With rain blanketing the region Saturday, the speedway's 11th event of the season was pushed ahead to Sunday, and second-generation star Matt Kimball (Bennington, NH) found the afternoon racing conditions just to his liking, scoring his first NHSTRA Modified victory of the season.

Other winners Sunday included Jaret Curtis (Rutland, Ma), Street Stocks; Gordon Farnum (Fitzwilliam, NH), Mini Stocks; and Farnum's stablemate, Chris Davis (Winchester, NH), Pure Stocks.

Jon McKennedy set fast time in the Whelen Mods, posting a lap time of 12.781 seconds to sit on the pole as the 28-car field began the big dance. Bonsignore took the green beside him.

McKennedy led the first 60 laps of

the main event, with Ron Silk draped all over him, and Bonsignore cruising close behind in third. Silk then took control of the Cole Memorial, with Bonsignore moving up to the deuce slot 17 circuits later.

Bonsignore ran in Silk's shadow until rocketing through the low groove to take the lead on 176, taking the checkers by a six-length margin 24 laps later. Doug Coby, strong all day in the seven-caution event, came home third, with Anthony Nocella and Ronnie Williams completing the top five. McKennedy finished ninth.

Sunday's victory was Bonsignore's third in five completed Whelen Tour events this season.

Cameron Houle and Solomon Brow led the NHSTRA Mods to the green, with Houle grabbing the early lead. Rookie Cory Plummer then took charge and kept the field at bay until Matt Kimball, from row four, blasted into the top spot on lap 16.

The Bennington, N.H. hot shoe was still up front when this one was shortened with a yellow/checkers ending after numerous cautions had slowed its march to conclusion. Todd Patnode, who'd quietly cruised into second on lap 29, was second, with division points leader Brian Robie moving closer to the championship in third.

Sunday's Street Stock 25-lapper

was a battle of the Rutland, Mass. Curtis twins. Jaret and Chase. Jaret took the lead from Tim Wenzel on lap two and never looked back en route to his second win of the summer. Chase, the points leader, got up for second on lap eight and chased his sibling the rest of the way.

Mini Stock points leader Gordon Farnum flew past Nathan Wenzel on lap 19 of their Sunday feature and then sped away to his fifth victory lap of the summer. Wenzel was strong in second, with Jeff Asselin third.

In the Pures, 2019 track champ Chris Davis started up front and easily scored his third win of the season, unfortunately equaling the number of engines he's lost in 2020. Jimmy Zellman came from row four to earn his best finish of the summer in second, and Nick Houle came home third. Top points man Mike Douglas finished fourth to stay comfortably atop the championship chase.

The Pro Truck Series made its second visit of the summer to the high banks Sunday, with Gerard Giordano Jr. topping a spirited 55-lapper. Giordano grabbed the top spot from Dave Koenig on lap 37 and held him at bay the rest of the way. Connor Souza was third. Saturday, September 5, Monadnock Speedway returns to action with the multi-track NHSTRA Modifieds taking

center stage with a Battle for The Cup event. For more information, please visit [www.monadnockspeedway.com](http://www.monadnockspeedway.com).

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## Basketball Hall of Fame to have first colorized minted coins

SPRINGFIELD — In August 2020, the U.S. Mint releases its first colorized coins as part of the Basketball Hall of Fame Commemorative Coin Program. The program recognizes the 60th anniversary of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame with curved coins in gold, silver, and clad. A limited number of silver proof and clad uncirculated coins are colorized on the reverse side. The silver coin features a colored net, rim, and channels on the basketball. The clad coin colorizes the entire basketball as well as the net and rim.

Colorizing coins appeared in the early 1990s by nations such as Uganda, Equatorial Guinea, and Palau. Now many countries around the world make colorized coins. Canada and Australia are large producers of these coins and develop many innovative techniques for applying color. The Royal Canadian Mint was the first to produce a colorized circulating coin, the 25-cent coin, in 2004.

Coins are colorized by methods such as applying a "sticker" to the surface, adding ink or paint through a computerized "printing" process, or enameling by filling recessed areas with paint.

The U.S. Mint used a third-party to colorize the Basketball commemorative coins using an automated process.

The Basketball Hall of Fame Colorized Silver Coin features a white net, dark orange rim, and black channels on the basketball. Channels are the seams that go around the ball. Limiting the color on the ball to the channels retains the look of the silver and texture of the basketball.

The clad colorized coin features an orange basketball with black channels, white net, and dark orange rim. Applying color to the whole basketball enhances the curvature of the coin and gives it a three-dimensional effect. The colors of the net and rim enhance the effect. The orange color of the basketball matches the hue associated with the sport.

In addition to the colorized silver and clad coins, the Basketball Hall of Fame Commemorative Coin Program includes gold, silver, and clad coins without color in proof and uncirculated finishes. All the coins in the program share the same obverse and reverse designs that celebrate the sport of basketball and the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

## Bay State games launches 32nd year of Future Leaders Scholarship

REGION — The Bay State Games is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for the 2020 Future Leaders Scholarship Program. This marks the thirty-second year of this valuable scholarship program that recognizes the leaders of tomorrow who excel in academics, community service, and athletics. The scholarship program is available to any Massachusetts High School student in the class of 2021. Due to the cancellation of the 2020 Summer Games, participation in the Bay State Games is not required but is recommended. Six \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to the top applicants.

"Bay State Games is proud to provide valuable college scholarships to student-athletes representing high schools and communities from across Massachusetts," said Bay State Games Executive Director, Kevin Cummings. "While the COVID-19 pandemic impacted our traditional spring timeframe for

this scholarship, we have moved the process to the fall to ensure that students in the class of 2021 will still have access to this opportunity. I encourage all former Bay State Games Summer and Winter Games participants currently entering their senior year of high school to apply."

Candidates must submit their application information online by October 15, 2020. The selection process will begin with a review of each student's application, written recommendations, and transcripts. A number of students will then be selected for virtual interviews which will be conducted the week of November 9. At the conclusion of interviews, six statewide scholarship winners will be announced.

Additional information on the scholarship and a link to an application form can be found at [www.baystategames.org/future-leaders-scholarship](http://www.baystategames.org/future-leaders-scholarship).

For questions, email [info@baystategames.org](mailto:info@baystategames.org) or call 781-932-6555.

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the region before the new statewide tournaments begin in fall 2021, but the plans for that have been put on hold since the pandemic.

Another major caveat to the fall sports seasons is that if towns have

spikes in coronavirus cases that lead to the community being labeled high-risk by the state, that school would have to cease play. This fall, teams that have to cease play can come back during the floating season, when hopefully, play would be unrestricted because a vaccine is available.

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GRADUATE, from page 1

Matthew Edward Arango, Star C. Arroyo, Gabrielle Joy Beaudry, Kyle Berthiaume, Brent Bonfiglio, Cate Boram, Giovanni Javier Camacho, Jessica Cavanaugh, Madelyn Rena Chartier, Olivia Rose Chartrand, Jack Payne Cole, Ernice Colon Jr., Jocelyn Marie Colon, Javier Enrique Correa, Lindsay Marie Cournoyer, Christina Ann Cruz, Chelsea I. Defelice, Eugenio DeLaRosa, Thomas Edward Diaz, Ismael Diaz Jr., Shannon Eileen Dion, Harley James Dougherty, Erik Anderson Duni, April Giovanna Estrada, Juan Flores, Valeria Angelick Flores, Thomas James Fournier Jr., Chante A. Garcia-Salgado, Stacy Gillett, Hannah Lee Glasheen, Carmencita Gomez, Marie Angely Gonzalez, Shanice Grandison, , Danielle Iva Harris-Lariviere, Emma Jerise Kane, Joseph A. Kochapski,

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HOUSE, from page 1

August, raising more than \$1 million and running massive television and radio advertisements with his campaign messages. Other political action committees also ran several ads in favor of each candidate.

TESTING, from page 1

drive-thru sites have been extended to run until Sept. 30. Additional information is below:

- This test site is first come, first serve. There are no appointments. Please do not call the Health Department to make an appointment.
- There is no cost for the testing. You do not need a referral, nor do you need to be symptomatic.
- The test style will be the less invasive swab in the lower nostril. The older style that required further insertion of the

swab will not be used.

- If you have previously tested positive, DPH and CDC guidelines do not recommend getting retested at this time.
- Turnaround time for results is typically 4 days or fewer.
- If you are acutely symptomatic, particularly if you have a high fever, consider scheduling a test with your Primary Care Physician.
- Dogs are prohibited at both the walk-up and drive-thru testing sites.
- Information on all of the Stop the Spread test sites across the State can be found at: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/stop-the-spread>

Public Notices

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Division  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-8600  
Docket No. HD19P0491EA  
Estate of:  
ALBERTO CRUZ  
Date of Death:  
08/25/18  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE**  
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Cynthia Cruz Colon** of Springfield, MA.  
**Cynthia Cruz Colon** of Springfield, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.  
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition

and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 9/04/2020

**Holyoke  
Historical Commission  
Public Hearing Notice  
Demolition Application:**  
140 Middle Water Street (047-01-015)  
**Applicant:** Alaska Assets LLC, 16027 Chalfont Place, Dallas, TX 75248  
**Monday, September 14, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.**  
Due to the declared public health emergency, the meeting will be held via zoom.us  
**Join Zoom Meeting:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81920925128>  
**Or call 1(301) 715 8592 (Meeting ID: 819 2092 5128)**  
**For additional information contact:**  
Ben Murphy  
[murphyb@holyoke.org](mailto:murphyb@holyoke.org)  
(413) 322-5655  
8/28, 9/04/2020

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Aviso de Audiencia Pública Solicitudes para Demolición:** 140 Middle Water Street (047-01-015)  
**Solicitante:** Alaska Assets LLC, 16027 Chalfont Place, Dallas, TX 75248  
**lunes 14 de Septiembre de 2020 a las 6:30 p.m.**  
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**Para mas información favor de llamar a:**  
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8/28, 9/04/2020

**LEGAL NOTICE  
CITY OF HOLYOKE  
GAS & ELECTRIC  
DEPARTMENT  
ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION  
TRANSFORMERS ANNUAL  
CONTRACT**  
Sealed bids for the above named contract will be received by Holyoke Gas & Electric Dept. until **2:00 p.m., September 23, 2020** at the Office of the Manager, 99 Suffolk St., Holyoke, MA 01040, at which time proposals will be publicly opened and read.  
Additional information may be obtained from:  
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Holyoke Gas & Electric Dept.  
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[cwong@hged.com](mailto:cwong@hged.com)  
(413) 335-0148  
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Holyoke Gas & Electric Dept.  
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9/04/2020

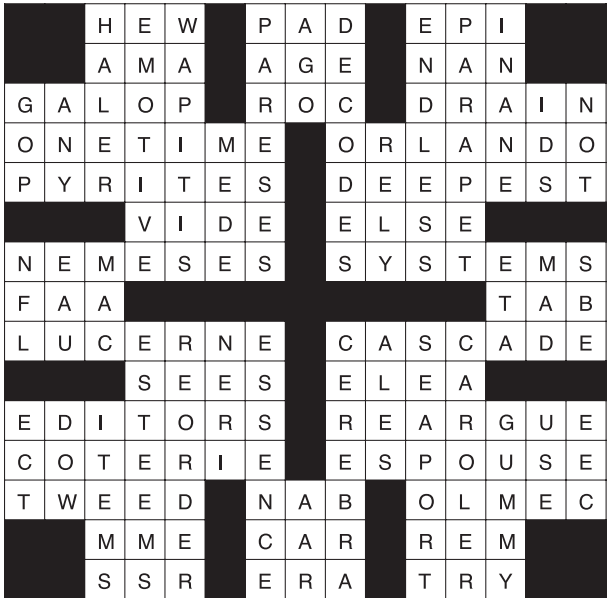
**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-7758  
Docket No. HD20P1353EA  
Estate of:  
Leonard C Lodigiani  
Date of Death: 01/28/2020  
CITATION ON PETITION  
FOR FORMAL  
ADJUDICATION**  
To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Anne A Beltramello** of Suffield, CT requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.  
The Petitioner requests that: **Anne A Beltramello** of Suffield, CT be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/11/2020.**  
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objec-

tion followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.  
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(MUPC)**  
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.  
WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: August 14, 2020  
**Suzanne T. Seguin**  
Register of Probate  
9/04/2020

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PUBLIC AUCTION / SALE  
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9/04, 9/11/2020

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court**

**Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Division  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-8600  
Docket No. HD20P1262EA  
NOTICE OF  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
G.L. c. 190B, § 3-306  
Estate of:  
Shirley Irene Tauszik  
Date of Death: May 29, 2020**  
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of **Lowell J Tauszik** of Dunedin, FL a Will has been admitted to informal probate.  
**Lowell J Tauszik** of Dunedin, FL has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve with **without surety** on the bond.  
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 9/04/2020



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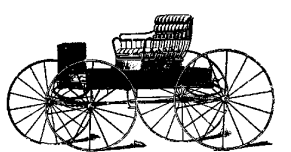
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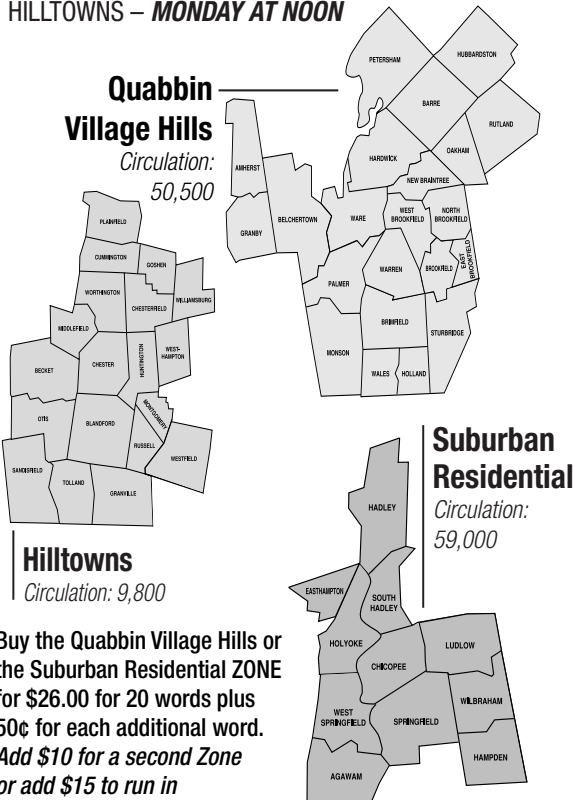
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# Warm, humid weather ramps up mosquito population and EEE threat

Mosquito season is usually associated with the hotter summer months, but it actually begins much earlier and extends well into autumn.

If you’ve been outside recently you may have noticed that mosquitoes are out in full force. Some mosquitoes carry germs that can make people and some animals sick. While some mosquito bites will only itch, others can carry potentially dangerous illnesses. In Massachusetts, the diseases linked to mosquitoes are West Nile virus (WNV) and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) virus.

As the threat of EEE rises in Massachusetts, including a recent case in Wilbraham, the community needs to take precautions when outdoors.

“The best way to prevent illnesses from mosquito bites is to protect yourself and your family from bites,” said Dr. Robert Spence, chief of Emergency Medicine for Baystate Wing Hospital and Baystate Mary Lane Outpatient Center.

As of August 15th, the second confirmed human case of Eastern Equine Encephalitis of the season has been detected in Massachusetts. A woman in her 60s from Hampden County in the western part of the state tested positive on Saturday, according to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH). As a result, the risk level for EEE in Wilbraham has been raised to critical and the risk level in Hampden and Monson has been raised to high. Other communities in the region have been raised to a moderate risk for the mosquito-borne illness, officials said.

“It is possible that some people who

become infected with mosquito borne viruses may not develop any symptoms or in some cases only flu-like symptoms. The incubation period for the virus from the time of an infected mosquito bite to onset of illness ranges from four to 10 days and the illness can last one to two weeks. There is no specific treatment for EEE. Antibiotics are not effective against viruses, and no effective anti-viral drugs have been discovered for the treatment of EEE. Severe illnesses are treated by supportive therapy, which may include hospitalization, respiratory support, IV fluids and prevention of other infections,” said Dr. Spence.

According to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, there are over 3000 different kinds, also called “species,” of mosquitoes identified worldwide, with more than 150 different kinds of mosquitoes found in North America. Fifty-one different kinds of mosquitoes have been found in Massachusetts. Mosquitoes are attracted to carbon dioxide, a gas that humans and other animals breathe out and can follow a stream of carbon dioxide from as far as 50 feet away.

Mosquitoes need stagnant water in order to lay their eggs and what most people don’t realize is the surprising number of areas around their own house where mosquitoes can find the stagnant water they need. All a female mosquito needs is a bottle cap of water to lay 100 to 200 eggs, once the eggs are laid, they hatch into larvae within 24 to 48 hours, so any temporary body of water that is present for more than a week can be a

mosquito breeding habitat.

EEE is relatively rare in humans, although there are occasional outbreaks in certain regions of the country. Fewer than 100 people have died from EEE in Massachusetts in the past 75 years, according to the Department of Public Health. In the United States, approximately 5 to 10 EEE cases are reported annually. The risk of getting EEE is highest from late July through September when more mosquitoes are present and active.

West Nile virus (WNV) is a mosquito-carried virus most commonly spread to people through the bite of an infected mosquito.

“The majority of people who are infected with WNV, some 80% will have no symptoms. A smaller number of people who become infected, less than 20% will have symptoms such as fever, headache, body aches, nausea, vomiting, and sometimes swollen lymph glands. Less than 1% of people infected with WNV will develop severe illness, including encephalitis or meningitis. There is no specific treatment for WNV infections. People with mild WNV infections usually recover on their own. People with severe WNV infections almost always require hospitalization,” said Dr. Spence.

He encourages community members to follow The Department of Public Health tips that will help people protect themselves and their loved ones from illnesses caused by mosquitoes:

**Be Aware of Peak Mosquito Hours:** The hours from dusk to dawn are peak biting times for many mosquitoes.

Consider rescheduling outdoor activities that occur during evening or early morning.

**Apply Insect Repellent when Outdoors:** Use a repellent with DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide), permethrin, picaridin (KBR 3023), oil of lemon eucalyptus [p-methane 3, 8-diol (PMD)] or IR3535 according to the instructions on the product label. DEET products should not be used on infants under two months of age and should be used in concentrations of 30% or less on older children. Oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under three years of age.

**Clothing Can Help Reduce Mosquito Bites:** Wearing long-sleeves, long pants and sock when outdoors will help keep mosquitoes away from your skin.

**Mosquito-Proof Your Home and Drain Standing Water:** Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. They can begin to multiply in any puddle or standing water that lasts for more than four days. If you have a bird bath in your yard, be sure to empty it daily and refill with fresh water. Remove containers that may hold water in places that are hard to see such as under bushes, porches, decks, or stairs.

**Install or Repair Screens:** Keep mosquitoes outside by having tightly fitting screens on all of your windows and doors.

More information about different types of mosquitoes that can spread the virus can be found on the MDPH website at [mass.gov/dph/wnv](http://mass.gov/dph/wnv).

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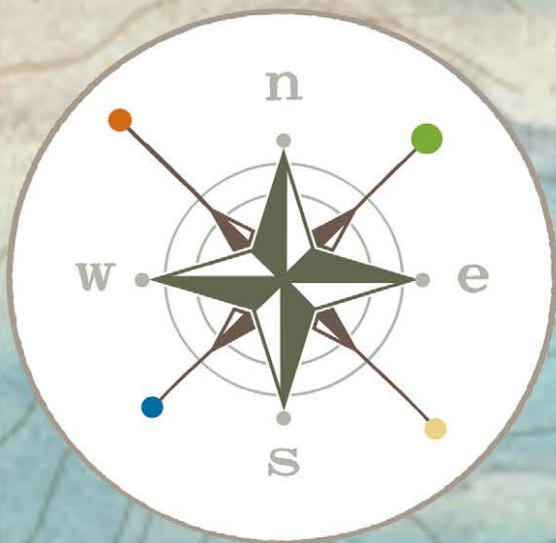
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